



LAGUARDIA GATEWAY PARTNERS ANNOUNCES \$15,000 OF IN-KIND DONATIONS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS AFTER TERMINAL B ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES HALL OPENING

Luggage purchased to test the new Baggage Handling System donated to local nonprofits

Queens, NY (August 20, 2020) – Following the successful opening of the new LaGuardia Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall, LaGuardia Gateway Partners (LGP) announced a donation of hundreds of pieces of luggage to local nonprofits. LGP is the private entity managing and redeveloping LaGuardia Airport’s Terminal B.

In preparation for the terminal opening, LGP conducted thorough testing of its massive Baggage Handling System, which included running luggage through from end to end to ensure its proper functioning. LGP purchased hundreds of new pieces of luggage for this test and did not want them to go to waste after opening.

LGP donated approximately 300 pieces of luggage of various sizes to local nonprofits, which totaled almost \$15,000. The luggage was distributed to several nonprofit organizations serving Queens residents, including:

- **Forestdale (Forest Hills):** The only child welfare agency headquartered in Queens, with a mission to serve as a resource for all families in the borough.
- **The Landing Shelter (East Elmhurst):** A temporary homeless shelter that provides comprehensive social services designed to prepare and return families to independent living in permanent housing as quickly as possible.
- **Hour Children (Long Island City):** A leading provider of prison and community-based family services to support women and children as they reunite, stabilize, and transform their lives.
- **Care For the Homeless (Queens, Manhattan, Bronx):** An organization geared towards meeting the medical, mental, and behavioral health care needs of people experiencing homelessness in NYC.

“We’re proud to be able to give back to the local Queens community in an impactful way with this donation of over 300 pieces of luggage,” **said Stewart Steeves, CEO of LaGuardia Gateway Partners.** “With the redevelopment of the new Terminal B, we want to not only create a world-class passenger experience for our travelers, but also ensure that we’re using sustainable practices in every step of the process. We’re pleased to be able to pass these pieces of luggage on to members of the local Queens community who can really use them.”

The opening of the Arrivals and Departures Hall this year marks yet another milestone in the completion of the brand new Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport. Earlier this month, the Western Concourse in the new terminal also opened its first seven gates, bringing the project one step closer to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s vision of a 21st century LaGuardia Airport.



In July 2015, Governor Cuomo unveiled the vision for a comprehensive redevelopment of LaGuardia Airport, which included the new 1.3 million square foot Terminal B. With a construction value of \$4B, the Terminal B project is one of the largest public-private partnerships in American history and the largest in US aviation. The Terminal B redevelopment includes a new 35-gate terminal, a parking garage, and a Central Hall, which will unify the airport by connecting to Terminal C, which is also being redeveloped.

For images of the luggage donations, please see here:

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LaGuardia Gateway Partners was selected by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to deliver an extensive capital redevelopment project at LaGuardia Airport's Terminal B that will provide world-class terminal facilities and operations for passengers and airlines. LaGuardia Gateway Partners is composed of Vantage Airport Group, Skanska, Meridiam, and JLC Infrastructure for development and equity investment. Vantage Airport Group leads the redevelopment program and management of Terminal B, with Skanska Walsh as the design build joint venture and HOK and WSP for design.

LaGuardia Gateway Partners' members have worked on more than 350 aviation and transportation projects globally and domestically, including international airports in New York (John F. Kennedy), Chicago, Doha, Delhi, Los Angeles, Santiago, and Nassau. For more information, visit www.laguardiaB.com or follow on Twitter at @terminalBLG.